## $\phi_0$ -STABILITY OF IMPULSIVE HYBRID SETVALUED DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS WITH DELAY BY PERTURBING LYAPUNOV FUNCTIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** We study  $\phi_0$ -stability of the null solution of impulsive set differential system with delay by means of the perturbing Lyapunov function method. Sufficient conditions for the  $\phi_0$ -stability of the null solution of impulsive set differential equations with delay are presented.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The study of set differential equations has been initiated as an independent subject and several results of interest can be found in [4–5, 10–12, 14]. The interesting feature of the set differential equations is that the results obtained in this new framework become the corresponding results of ordinary differential equations as the Hukuhara derivative and the integral used in formulating the set differential equations reduce to the ordinary vector derivative and integral when the set under consideration is a single valued mapping. Moreover, in the present setup, we have only semilinear complete metric space to work with, instead of complete normed linear space required in the study of the ordinary differential systems. Furthermore, set differential equations, that are generated by multivalued differential inclusions, when the multivalued functions involved do not possess convex values, can be used as a tool for studying multivalued differential inclusions [20]. Set differential equations can also be utilized to investigate fuzzy differential equations [11].

In recent years, a number of research papers has dealt with dynamical systems with impulse effect as a class of general hybrid systems. Examples include the adequate mathematical models for numerous processes and phenomena studied in biology, applied physics, etc. Impulsive dynamical systems are characterized by the occurrence of abrupt change in the state of the system which occur at certain time instants over a period of negligible duration. The presence of impulse means that the state trajectory does not preserve the basic properties which are associated with non impulsive dynamical systems. Thus, the theory of impulsive differential equations is quite interesting and has attracted the attention of many scientists, see for instance, [2, 8, 15, 17] and the references therein. Moreover, in certain situations, the future state of the physical problems depends not only on the present state but also on its past history. Thus, introduction of the delay in the governing equations ensures a better modelling of the processes involved [7, 16].

The stability criteria in sense of Lyapunov function is found to be quite elegant to develop the qualitative properties of the null solution of the systems of differential equations. Lakshmikantham and Leela [9] introduced the perturbing Lyapunov function method under weaker conditions to study nonuniform properties of solutions of systems of differential equations. Recently, Soliman [18] discussed the perturbing Lyapunov function method for impulsive differential systems. Akpan and Akinyele [1] introduced the concept of  $\phi_0$ -stability for differential systems.

The purpose of this paper is to extend  $\phi_0$ -stability to impulsive set differential equations with delay. In fact, we apply the perturbing Lyapunov function method [13] to investigate  $\phi_0$ -stability of the null solution of impulsive set differential system with delay.

## 2. TERMINOLOGY AND PRELIMINARIES

Let E be a Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Let P(E) denote the class of non-empty compact subsets of E, endowed with the Hausdorff metric

$$d_H(A,C) = \max\{\sup_{x \in A} \inf_{y \in C} ||x - y||, \sup_{y \in C} \inf_{x \in A} ||x - y||\}$$
$$= \min\{\epsilon > 0 | A \subset C + \epsilon B, C \subset A + \epsilon B\},$$

and the operations

$$A + C = \{x + y | x \in A, y \in C\}, \ \lambda A = \{\lambda x | x \in A\},\$$

where  $||A|| = d_H(A, \{0\})$ . P(E) is thus a metric convex cone [19] and the subclass  $K = K_c(E)$  of all convex sets in P(E) is a closed convex cone satisfying the following properties:

(a) λK ⊆ K, λ ≥ 0, K + K ⊆ K;
(b) K ∩ {-K} = 0;
(c) K̄ = K;
(d) K<sup>o</sup> ≠ Ø;

where  $\overline{K}$  denotes the closure of K in the topology of Hausdorff metric and  $K^{o}$  denotes the interior of K. For the forthcoming analysis, we will restrict ourselves to the finite dimensional space  $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ , that is,  $E = \mathbb{R}^{n}$ . Now, we define the partial ordering in  $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ using the approach of [3].

**Definition 1.1** For any  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , if there exists a set  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $Z \in K(K^o)$ and X = Y + Z, then we have  $X \ge Y$  (X > Y). Similarly, we can define  $X \le Y$ (X < Y).

**Definition 1.2** A cone  $K^* = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : (y, x) \ge 0 \text{ for } x \in K\}$  is defined to be the adjoint cone relative to the cone K. The cone  $K^*$  satisfies the conditions (a)-(d) with  $K_0^* = K^* - \{0\}$ . For further details of abstract cones, see, for instance [1, 6].

**Definition 1.3** The set  $Z \in K_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying X = Y + Z is known as the Hukuhara difference of the sets X and Y in  $K_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and is denoted as X - Y.

**Definition 1.4** A function  $g \in C(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$  is said to be quasi-monotone nondecreasing relative to the cone K if  $X \leq Y$  and  $(\phi_0, Y - X) = 0$  for some  $\phi_0 \in K_0^*$  imply that  $(\phi_0, g(Y) - g(X)) \geq 0$ .

**Definition 1.5** For any interval  $I \in R$ , the mapping  $F : I \to K_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$  has a Hukuhara derivative  $D_H F(t_0)$  at a point  $t_0 \in I$ , if there exists an element  $D_H F(t_0) \in K_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that the limits

$$\lim_{h \to 0^+} \frac{F(t_0 + h) - F(t_0)}{h} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{h \to 0^+} \frac{F(t_0) - F(t_0 - h)}{h},$$

exist in the topology of  $K_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and each one is equal to  $D_H F(t_0)$ .

Given any  $\tau > 0$ , we define  $C = C[[-\tau, 0], K_c(\mathbb{R}^n)]$ . For any  $t \in J_0 = [t_0 - \tau, t_0 + a]$ ,  $a > 0, U \in [J_0, K_c(\mathbb{R}^n)]$ , let  $U_t$  denote a translation of the restriction of U to the interval  $[t - \tau, t]$ , that is,  $U_t \in C$  be defined by  $U_t(s) = U((t + s)), -\tau \leq s \leq 0$ .

Consider the impulsive set differential equation with delay

$$\begin{cases} D_{H}U(t) = F(t, U_{t}), & t \neq t_{k}, \\ U_{t_{k}^{+}} = I_{k}(U_{t_{k}}), & t = t_{k}, \\ U_{t_{0}} = \Theta_{0} \in \mathbf{C}, \end{cases}$$
(2.1)

where  $F \in PC[R_+ \times C, K_c(R^n)]$  is piecewise continuous and in particular F:  $(t_{k-1}, t_k] \times C \to K_c(R^n)$  is continuous,  $I_k : C \to C$  is continuous for each k and  $\{t_k\}$  is a sequence of points such that  $0 \le t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_k < \cdots$  with  $\lim_{k\to\infty} t_k = \infty$ . By a solution of (2.1), we mean a piecewise continuous function  $U(t) = U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t)$ on  $[t_0, \infty)$  which is left continuous on  $(t_k, t_{k+1}]$  and is defined by

$$U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t) = \begin{cases} \Theta_0, & t_0 - \tau \le t \le t_0, \\ U_0(t_0, \Theta_0)(t), & t_0 \le t \le t_1, \\ U_1(t_1, \Theta_1)(t), & t_1 < t \le t_2, \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ U_k(t_k, \Theta_k)(t), & t_k < t \le t_{k+1}, \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{cases}$$

where  $U_k(t_k, \Theta_k)(t)$  is a solution of the set differential equation with delay

$$D_H U(t) = F(t, U_t), \qquad U_{t_k^+} = \Theta_k, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

**Definition 1.6** Let  $V : R_+ \times K_c(R^n) \times \mathbb{C} \to R_+$ . Then V is said to belong to class  $V_0$  if

- (**a**<sub>1</sub>)  $V(t, U, \Theta)$  is continuous in  $(t_{k-1}, t_k] \times K_c(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathbb{C}$  and for each  $U \in K_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\Theta \in \mathbb{C}, \ k = 1, 2, \dots, \lim_{(t, Y, \Theta) \to (t_k^+, U, \Theta)} V(t, Y, \Theta) = V(t_k^+, U, \Theta)$  exists;
- $(\mathbf{a_2}) V(t, U, \Theta)$  is Lipschitzian in U.

**Definition 1.7** Let  $\phi_0 \in K_0^*$ . The zero solution of (2.1) is said to be

- (**b**<sub>1</sub>)  $\phi_0$ -stable if for  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $t_0 \in R_+$ , there exists a  $\delta = \delta(t_0, \epsilon) > 0$  such that  $(\phi_0, \Theta_0) < \delta$  implies that  $(\phi_0, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t)) < \epsilon, t \ge t_0;$
- (**b**<sub>2</sub>) uniformly  $\phi_0$ -stable if  $\delta$  in  $(b_1)$  is independent of  $t_0$ ;
- (**b**<sub>3</sub>) asymptotically  $\phi_0$ -stable if  $(b_1)$  holds and given  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $t_0 \in R_+$ , there exist  $\delta_0 = \delta_0(t_0) > 0$  and  $T(t_0, \epsilon) > 0$  such that  $(\phi_0, \Theta_0) < \delta_0$  implies that  $(\phi_0, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t)) < \epsilon, t \ge t_0 + T;$
- (**b**<sub>4</sub>) uniformly asymptotically  $\phi_0$ -stable if  $(b_2)$  holds and  $\delta_0, T$  in  $(b_3)$  are independent of  $t_0$ .

**Remark.** For the stability criteria of the null solution of (2.1), one can employ the measure ||U(t)|| = diam[U(t)],  $t \ge t_0$ . But the diam[U(t)] is nondecreasing in t once the Hukuhara differences are assumed to exist. This problem can be overcome by utilizing the existence of Hukuhara difference in the initial conditions also, which in fact makes it possible to match the behavior of the solution of set differential equations with the corresponding solutions of ordinary differential equations . In order to do so, we suppose that the Hukuhara difference exists for any given initial values  $\Phi_0, \Psi_0 \in K_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$  so that we set  $\Phi_0 - \Psi_0 = \Theta_0$  and consider the stability of the solution  $U(t, t_0, \Phi_0 - \Psi_0) = U(t, t_0, \Theta_0)$  of (2.1).

We now define the following spaces:

$$\mathcal{K} = [\nu \in C[R_+, R_+] : \nu(0) = 0 \text{ and } \nu(U) \text{ is strictly increasing}].$$
$$S(\rho) = [U \in K_c(R^n) : ||U|| < \rho], \ S_1(\rho) = [\Theta \in \mathbb{C} : ||\Theta|| < \rho].$$

# 3. $\phi_0$ -STABILITY BY THE METHOD OF PERTURBING LYAPUNOV FUNCTIONS

In this section, we discuss the  $\phi_0$ -Stability and asymptotic  $\phi_0$ -Stability of the zero solution of impulsive set valued differential equations with delay (2.1) by means of perturbing Lyapunov functions.

Theorem 3.1. Assume that

(A<sub>1</sub>)  $\phi_0 \in K_0^*, V_1 \in PC(R_+ \times S(\rho) \times S_1(\rho), K)$  and there is a  $V_{2,\zeta} \in PC(R_+ \times (S(\rho) \cap S^c(\zeta) \times S_1(\rho), K))$  with  $\zeta > 0$  and  $S^c(\zeta)$  being complement of  $S(\zeta)$  such that  $V_1(t, U, \Theta) \in V_0, V_1(t, 0, \Theta) = 0$  and there exists  $\rho_0 > 0$  such that  $U_{t_k} \in S_1(\rho_0)$  implies that  $I_k(U_{t_k}) \in S_1(\rho)$  for all k and

$$\begin{cases}
D^{+}(\phi_{0}, V_{1}(t, U, \Theta)) \leq (\phi_{0}, g_{1}(t, V_{1}(t, U, \Theta))), & t \neq t_{k}, \\
(\phi_{0}, V_{1}(t_{k}^{+}, U(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})(t_{k}^{+}), U_{t_{k}^{+}}(t_{0}, \Theta_{0}))) \\
\leq (\phi_{0}, J_{k}(V_{1}(t_{k}, U(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})(t_{k}), U_{t_{k}}(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})))), & k = 1, 2, \dots,
\end{cases}$$
(3.1)

where  $g_1 : R_+ \times K \to R_+$  is continuous with  $g_1(t, 0) = 0$  and  $J_k : K \to R_+$  is continuous.

(A<sub>2</sub>)  $V_{2,\zeta}(t,0,\Theta) = 0$  and  $V_{2,\zeta}(t,U,\Theta) \in V_0$  such that

$$b_1(\phi_0, \|U\|) \le (\phi_0, V_{2,\zeta}(t, U, \Theta)) \le a_1(\phi_0, \|U\|), \ a_1, b_1 \in \mathcal{K},$$
(3.2)

and

$$D^{+}(\phi_{0}, V_{1}(t, U, \Theta) + V_{2,\zeta}(t, U, \Theta)) \leq (\phi_{0}, g_{2}(t, V_{1}(t, U, \Theta) + V_{2,\zeta}(t, U, \Theta))), 
 t \neq t_{k} 
(\phi_{0}, V_{1}(t_{k}^{+}, U(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})(t_{k}^{+}), U_{t_{k}^{+}}(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})) + V_{2,\zeta}(t_{k}^{+}, U(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})(t_{k}^{+}), U_{t_{k}^{+}}(t_{0}, \Theta_{0}))) 
\leq (\phi_{0}, F_{k}(V_{1}(t_{k}, U(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})(t_{k}), U_{t_{k}}(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})) + V_{2,\zeta}(t_{k}, U(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})(t_{k}), U_{t_{k}}(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})))), 
k = 1, 2, \dots,$$
(3.3)

where  $g_2 : R_+ \times K \to R_+$  is continuous with  $g_2(t, 0) = 0$  and  $F_k : K \to R_+$  is continuous.

 $(\mathbf{A_3})$  The zero solution of the problem

$$\begin{cases}
w' = g_1(t, w), & t \neq t_k, \\
w(t_k^+) = J_k(w(t_k)), & t = t_k, & k = 1, 2, \dots, \\
w(t_0) = w_0 \ge 0,
\end{cases}$$
(3.4)

is  $\phi_0$ -table and the zero solution of

$$\begin{cases} v' = g_1(t, v), & t \neq t_k, \\ v(t_k^+) = F_k(v(t_k)), & t = t_k, \ k = 1, 2, \dots, \\ v(t_0) = v_0 \ge 0, \end{cases}$$
(3.5)

is uniformly  $\phi_0$ -stable.

Then the zero solution of (2.1) is  $\phi_0$ -stable.

**Proof.** Let  $0 < \epsilon < \rho$ ,  $t_0 \in R_+$  and  $b_1(\epsilon) > 0$ . Since the zero of (3.5) is uniformly  $\phi_0$ -stable, there is a  $\delta' = \delta'(\epsilon)$  such that  $(\phi_0, v_0) < \delta'$  implies that  $(\phi_0, v(t; t_0, v_0) < b_1(\epsilon), t \ge t_0$ , where  $V(t; t_0, v_0)$  is any solution of (3.5). Now, we choose  $\delta_2 = \delta_2 > 0$  such that  $0 < \delta_2 < \epsilon$  and

$$a_1(\delta_2) < \delta'/2. \tag{3.6}$$

Now, in view of the fact that the zero solution of (3.4) is  $\phi_0$ -table, for  $\delta'/2 > 0$  and  $t_0 \in R_+$ , there exists a  $\delta_3 = \delta_3(t_0, \epsilon)$  such that

$$(\phi_0, w_0) < \delta_3$$
 implies that  $(\phi_0, w(t; t_0, w_0)) < \delta'/2, t \ge t_0,$  (3.7)

where  $w(t; t_0, w_0)$  is any solution of (3.4). Fix  $w_0 = V_1(t_0, \Theta_0, \Theta)$  and choose some  $\delta_1 > 0$  such that  $(\phi_0, \Theta_0) < \delta_1$  implies that  $(\phi_0, V_1(t_0, \Theta_0, \Theta)) < \delta_3$ .

Let  $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$  so that  $(\phi_0, \Theta_0) < \delta$  implies that  $(\phi_0, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t)) < \epsilon$ ,  $t \ge t_0$ , where  $U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t)$  is any solution of (2.1). Suppose this is not true, then there would exist a solution  $U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t)$  of (2.1) with  $(\phi_0, \Theta_0) < \delta$  and  $t_1, t_2$  satisfying  $t_k < t_1 < t_2 \le t_{k+1}$  for some k such that

$$\begin{cases} (\phi_0, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t)) < \epsilon, & t_k \ge t \ge t_0, \\ \text{and } (\phi_0, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t_2)) \ge \epsilon, & (\phi_0, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t_1)) = \delta_2, \end{cases}$$
(3.8)

and  $U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t) \in \overline{S(\epsilon)}$  on  $[t_1, t_2]$ . Now, we take  $\delta_2 = \zeta$  by requiring that  $V_{2,\zeta}$  satisfies  $(A_2)$ . For  $t \in [t_1, t_2]$ , we set

$$m(t) = V_1(t, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t), U_t(t_0, \Theta_0)) + V_{2,\zeta}(t, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t), U_t(t_0, \Theta_0)),$$
(3.9)

and

$$(\phi_0, m(t_1)) \le (\phi_0, r_2(t_1; t_0, v_0)),$$
 (3.10)

where  $r_2(t_1; t_0, v_0)$  is the maximal solution of (3.5). In view of (3.3) together with (3.9) and (3.10), it follows that

$$(\phi_0, m(t)) \le (\phi_0, r_2(t; t_0, v_0)), t \in [t_1, t_2].$$

Also, we have

$$(\phi_0, V_1(t_1, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t_1), U_{t_1}(t_0, \Theta_0))) \le (\phi_0, r_1(t_1; t_0, w_0))$$

which, in view of (3.7), yields

$$(\phi_0, V_1(t_1, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t_1), U_{t_1}(t_0, \Theta_0))) \le \delta'/2$$

where  $r_1(t; t_0, w_0)$  is the maximal solution of (3.4). Using  $(A_2)$ , (3.6) and (3.8), we get

$$(\phi_0, V_{2,\zeta}(t_1, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t_1), U_{t_1}(t_0, \Theta_0))) \le a_1(\phi_0, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t_1)) = a_1(\delta_2) < \delta'/2.$$

Hence, by virtue of  $(A_2)$  and the fact that  $V_1 \in V_0$ , we have

$$b_{1}(\epsilon) \leq b_{1}(\phi_{0}, U(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})(t_{2}))$$
  
$$\leq (\phi_{0}, V_{2,\zeta}(t_{2}, U(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})(t_{2}), U_{t_{2}}(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})))$$
  
$$\leq (\phi_{0}, r_{2}(t_{2}; t_{0}, v_{0})) < b_{1}(\epsilon),$$

which is a contradiction. This completes the proof.

### **Theorem 3.2.** Assume that

- (**B**<sub>1</sub>) The assumptions  $(A_2)$ – $(A_3)$  of Theorem 3.1 hold with the exception that the zero solution of (3.4) is  $\phi_0$ -table;
- (**B**<sub>2</sub>) The zero solution of (3.4) is uniformly  $\phi_0$ -table;
- $(\mathbf{B_3}) V_1(t, U, \Theta) \in V_0, V_1(t, 0, \Theta) = 0$  and

$$D^{+}(\phi_{0}, V_{1}(t, U, \Theta)) + (\phi_{0}, h(t, U, \Theta)) \leq (\phi_{0}, g_{1}(t, V_{1}(t, U, \Theta))), \quad t \neq t_{k}, (\phi_{0}, V_{1}(t_{k}^{+}, U(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})(t_{k}^{+}), U_{t_{k}^{+}}(t_{0}, \Theta_{0}))) + (\phi_{0}, \int_{t_{0}}^{t_{k}} p(s, U, \Theta_{0})ds)$$
(3.11)  
$$\leq (\phi_{0}, J_{k}(V_{1}(t_{k}, U(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})(t_{k}), U_{t_{k}}(t_{0}, \Theta_{0})))), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where  $g_1 : R_+ \times K \to R_+$  is continuous and  $g_1(t, w)$  is nondecreasing in w with  $g_1(t, 0) = 0$  and  $J_k : K \to R_+$  is continuous and  $J_k(w)$  is nondecreasing in w,  $p : R_+ \times S(\rho) \times S_1(\rho) \to R_+$  is continuous, integrable and locally Lipschitzian in U and  $(\phi_0, h(t, U, \Theta)) \ge b_2(\phi_0, U), b_2 \in \mathcal{K}$ .

Then the zero solution of (2.1) is asymptotically  $\phi_0$ -table.

**Proof.** In view of the assumptions  $(B_1)-(B_2)$ , we let  $0 < \epsilon = \sigma$  such that  $(\phi_0, \Theta_0) < \delta(t_0, \sigma)$  implies that  $(\phi_0, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t)) < \sigma, t \ge t_0$ , where  $U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t)$  is any solution of (2.1). Select  $T = T(\epsilon) = \delta'/2b_2(\delta(\epsilon))$  such that  $t_0 + T \ne t_k, k = 1, 2, \ldots$ . We claim that there is a  $t^* \in [t_0, t_0 + T]$  such that  $(\phi_0, p(t^*, U, \Theta_0)) \le b_2(\delta(\epsilon))$  for any solution of (2.1) provided that  $(\phi_0, \Theta_0) < \delta(t_0, \sigma)$ . If it is not true, then  $\forall t \in [t_0, t_0 + T]$ ,  $(\phi_0, p(t, U, \Theta)) \ge b_2(\delta(\epsilon))$ .

For  $t \in [t_0, t_1]$ , we have

$$\left(\phi_0, \int_{t_0}^{t_1} p(s, U, \Theta) ds\right) + (\phi_0, V_1(t, U, \Theta)) \le (\phi_0, r_1(t; t_0, V_1(t, U, \Theta)))$$
$$= (\phi_0, r_1(t; t_0, w_0)).$$

Now, for  $t \in (t_{k-1}, t_k]$ ,

$$(\phi_0, V_1(t_k^+, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t_k), U_{t_k^+}(t_0, \Theta_0))) + \left(\phi_0, \int_{t_0}^{t_k} p(s, U, \Theta_0) ds\right)$$
  
$$\leq (\phi_0, J_k(r_1(t_k; t_0, w_0))) \leq (\phi_0, J_k(r_1^{k-1}(t_k; t_{k-1}, w_{k-1}^+))) = (\phi_0, w_k^+),$$

where

$$r_1(t;t_0,w_0) = \begin{cases} r_1^0(t;t_0,w_0), & t_0 \le t \le t_1, \\ r_1^1(t;t_0,w_1^+), & t_1 < t \le t_2, \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ r_1^{k-1}(t;t_0,w_{k-1}^+), & t_{k-1} < t \le t_k, \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{cases}$$

Suppose that

$$(\phi_0, V_1(t_1^+, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t_1^+), U_{t_1^+}(t_0, \Theta_0))) + \left(\phi_0, \int_{t_0}^{t_1} p(s, U, \Theta_0) ds\right) \le (\phi_0, w_1^+), \qquad t_1 < t \le t_2$$

In view of  $(B_3)$ , we have

$$(\phi_0, V_1(t, U, \Theta)) + \left(\phi_0, \int_{t_0}^t p(s, U, \Theta) ds\right) \le (\phi_0, r_1(t; t_0, V_1(t, U, \Theta))), \quad t_1 < t \le t_2.$$

Hence, by induction, we get

$$(\phi_0, V_1(t, U, \Theta)) + \left(\phi_0, \int_{t_0}^t p(s, U, \Theta) ds\right) \le (\phi_0, r_1(t; t_0, V_1(t, U, \Theta))), \qquad t \ge t_0.$$

Thus it follows that

$$0 \leq (\phi_0, V_1(t_0 + T, U, \Theta)) + \left(\phi_0, \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + T} p(s, U, \Theta) ds\right) \leq (\phi_0, r_1(t_0 + T; t_0, w_0))$$
  
$$\leq (\phi_0, r_1(t_0 + T; t_0, w_0)) - \left(\phi_0, \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + T} b_2(\delta(\epsilon)) ds\right)$$
  
$$< (\phi_0, \delta'/2) - (\phi_0, b_2(\delta(\epsilon))T) < 0,$$

which leads to a contradiction.

This implies that there is a  $t^* \in [t_0, t_0 + T]$  such that  $(\phi_0, p(t^*, U, \Theta_0)) \leq b_2(\delta(\epsilon))$ for any solution of (1.1) provided that  $(\phi_0, \Theta_0) < \delta(t_0, \sigma)$ . Also,

 $b_2(\delta(\epsilon)) > (\phi_0, p(t^*, U, \Theta_0)) \ge b_2(\phi_0, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t))$ , then  $(\phi_0, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t)) < \delta(\epsilon)$  for some  $t^* \in [t_0, t_0 + T]$ . We assert that  $(\phi_0, U(t_0, \Theta_0)(t)) < \epsilon, t \ge t_0 + T$ . Suppose that our assertion is not true, which turns out to be a contradiction using the procedure employed in Theorem 3.1. Hence the proof is complete.

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